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For: MULTIPLATE CLUTCH DEVICE AND

CLUTCH DISK ASSEMBLY

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

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Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 09-177821 discloses a friction clutch having carbon pressure plate. Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 09-177821 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,779,018, which is cited to understand better the former reference.

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Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 10-141387 discloses a multiple disk clutch.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 10-141387 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,878,857, which is cited to understand better the former reference.

Japanese Utility Model Patent Publication No. 54-167251 discloses an electromagnetic clutch.

Japanese Utility Model Patent Publication No. 48-104971 discloses a rivet.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 09-250556 discloses a multi-plate clutch.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 09-250556 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,904,234, which is cited to understand better the former reference.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 59-133829 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,548,309, which is cited to understand better the former reference.

Japanese Utility Model Patent Publication No. 63-132127 discloses a clutch disk.

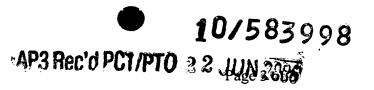
Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 60-205022 discloses a follower plate for a friction clutch. Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 60-205022 is equivalent to GB Patent Publication 2154288, which is cited to understand better the former reference.

Japanese Utility Model Patent Publication No. 4-68226 discloses a clutch disk.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2-203029 discloses a friction assembly. Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2-203029 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,967,893, which is cited to understand better the former reference.

Japanese Utility Model Patent Publication No. 54-73463 discloses a rivet.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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